

REMARKS

For the Examiner's convenience, Applicants will now address stated issues and grounds for rejection of the pending claims under the appropriate subheadings.

Amendments to the Claims

Claims 1 and 4 have been cancelled. Claim 2 has been rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of Claim 1. Claim 5 has been rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of Claim 1 and Claim 4. Claim 6 has been amended to be dependent on Claim 5. Claims 7-8 have been amended to be dependent on Claim 2 and to correct a typographical error.

No new matter has been added as a result of the amendments made herein.

Rejection of Claims 1 and 4 Under 35 U.S.C. §102 (b)

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1 and 4 under 35 U.S.C. §102 (b) as being anticipated by Perry *et al.* (US Patent No. 4,659,474). In particular, the Examiner stated that Perry *et al.* teach tablets comprising polydiallylamine derivatives.

Claims 1 and 4 have been cancelled, thereby obviating the rejection.

Rejection of Claims 2, 3 and 5-8 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim

The Examiner has rejected Claims 2, 3 and 5-8 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

Claim 2 has been rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of Claim 1. Claim 5 has been rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of Claim 1 and Claim 4. Claim 6 has been amended to be dependent on Claim 5. Claims 7-8 have been amended to be dependent on Claim 2.

The claims as amended are no longer dependent on rejected base claims and are therefore in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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